

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Neil G. Ferrari (Reg. No. 61,484) on 5/29/09.

Claim 11 of the application has been amended as follows:

11. (Currently Amended) A data processing system for managing the provisioning of a plurality of different types of resources in a data processing system, comprising:

a set of instructions; and

a processor, wherein the processor executes the set of instructions to define a plurality of provisioning states for each one of said plurality of different types of resources, wherein each one of said plurality of different types of resources is associated with at least one of a capability specification and an implementation specification, and wherein said plurality of different types of resources are grouped according to the specification;

wherein the processor executes the set of instructions to define relationships among said plurality of provisioning states, said relationships describing valid transitions from ones of said plurality of provisioning states to other ones of said plurality of provisioning states;

wherein the processor executes the set of instructions to generate a state diagram for each one of said plurality of different types of resources, each one of said plurality of different types of resources being associated with one of said state diagrams,

wherein each one of said state diagrams describing valid transitions for said plurality of provisioning states defined for each one of said plurality of different types of resources; ~~and~~

wherein the processor executes the set of instructions to define at least one task that is associated with each one of said valid transitions, wherein the processor further executes the set of instructions to define ~~means for defining~~ at least one task that is associated with each one of said valid transitions comprises ~~specifying to specify~~ a plurality of tasks for each one of said valid transitions, ~~specifying to specify~~ a sequence for completion for said plurality of tasks for each one of said valid transitions, said plurality of tasks being required to be completed in said sequence in order to complete each one of said valid transitions, and ~~providing to provide~~ said plurality of tasks in said sequence as a module that will complete one of said valid transitions when said module is executed; and

wherein the processor executes the set of instructions to utilize said module to complete said one of said valid transitions for each one of said plurality of different types of resources, wherein the same module is used regardless of which resource type is being transitioned.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KENNETH TANG whose telephone number is (571)272-3772. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 6:00PM, Every other Friday off.

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